
A BLOOD-SOAKED REGION.
Work of Turks and Kurds—Pro-
testants Accepting Islamism.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 5.—A letter received here from Marash says that the Armenian Protestants at Abkhastan have accepted Islamism en masse as a means of self-preservation. Upon the strength of this information the Armenian Patriarch complained to the Porte and protested against the enforced conversion of Armenians. The Grand Vizier replied that an order had been sent by the Porte putting a stop to enforced conversion of Protestants, who were entirely free to return to their original religious faith. But, he

city was stripped of all its contents. Over 100,000 Armenians were crowded into the palaces of rich Armenians, which contained from twenty to thirty rooms. The hungry and half-naked survivors of a population of fifteen thousand are crowded into less than two hundred houses. Some of these houses contain thirty families, without food, fuel or bedding. Diarrhoea, Dysentery, typhoid, cholera, and Diphtheria, were rampant. The Armenians from the region adjoining Sassoun. The sixty Christian houses were plundered and burnt. The Armenians killed in this province are not mentioned because no opportunity exists for their burial. The Armenians are in need for relief to the survivors no doubt can exist. Dr. Andrus, of the American Board of Christian Missions, has secured a small amount of money for the relief of the starving by giving work to the refugees. The Armenians of the American Mission at Mardin are also raising money for

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